



## King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program



King County Regional AFIS is a levy-funded program that provides enhanced fingerprint identification services to the criminal justice entities within the county, including the city of Des Moines. The Des Moines Police Department also has a Livescan machine that is funded by the AFIS levy.

Livescan technology is in use throughout the county to capture fingerprints and transmit them over a secure network to the AFIS computer for search and identification. Once verified, arrest data is then submitted to the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation for addition to state and national rap sheets.

AFIS staff fingerprint and identify inmates booked into county jails. Wanted or dangerous offenders are identified prior to release, even if they provide false names to evade outstanding warrants. Staff also recover latent fingerprints and palmprints from major crime scenes, to identify criminals. The program includes technology that makes it possible to collect and match prints helping to solve crimes and contributing to the safety of citizens and officers.



The AFIS Program is funded through 2012, at which time King County voters will be asked to renew the levy. With sustained funding, the AFIS Program will continue its efforts towards providing the fastest and most accurate identification services possible for local police agencies.

More information on the AFIS Program can be found on YouTube by searching "King County AFIS" or by going to the program's website [www.kingcounty.gov/afis](http://www.kingcounty.gov/afis) where you can view the annual report, learn about fingerprints, and read local success stories.